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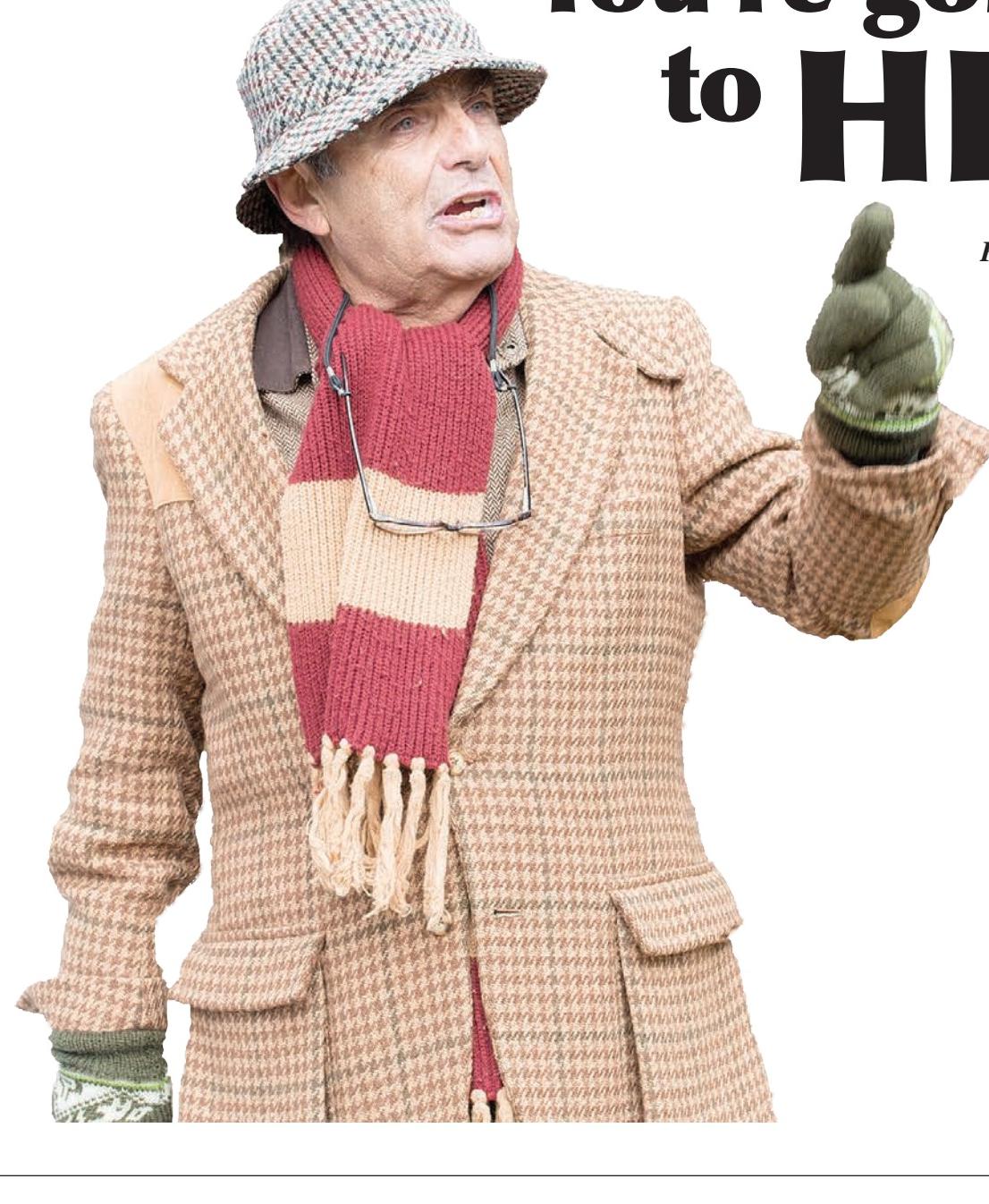
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Shaky start, high hopes

Women's Basketball prepares for weekend after losses

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The Georgia College Women's Basketball team fell to Florida Southern College and the University of Tampa in back-to-back games in the Classic at Tampa, but head coach Maurice Smith is hopeful as the season progresses.

After last weekend's trip, Smith says he's learned some valuable information about his team.

"The big takeaway is that our execution has to be a lot better. A whole lot better," Coach Smith said.

The team's overall shooting percentage dipped from game one to game two, posting a decent 43.6 percent against Florida Southern, but then dropping to 25.4 percent against Tampa. Smith says the extended period of time between their last game and the approaching game is working to the Bobcats' advantage.

"Going into this weekend, we have a week to prepare and really try and sharpen up our execution on the offensive end," Smith said.

Three point shooting percentage may have skewed the overall field goal percentage, with the Bobcats dropping from 69 to 38 percent behind the arc from game one to two. Smith says this number may be slightly incidental.

"It just manifested itself; we got some good looks behind the three (against Florida Southern)," he said. "We were fortunate enough for some of our girls to knock those shots down."

After their first two games, the Bobcats lead the Peach Belt Conference with 53.8 percent perimeter shooting percentage. It may be early, but this stat is promising nonetheless, especially with senior guard Shanteona Keys sitting at second place in the PBC in 3-point shooting at 70 percent and junior McKenna Rushton at sixth with 60 percent.

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"You're going to HELL"



The edge of something new at Georgia College

First student show to exhibit in Ennis Hall

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People often view the approach of college graduation as the ending of an era, but for a group of five senior studio art majors, it represents standing at the edge of a "Precipice," about to jump off into something huge.

From Nov. 10 to Dec.

4. Ennis Hall will house the work of Lindsay Bridgers, Meredith Conger, Abigail Jones, Ellie Smith and Danielle Vogel.

"I would say a full year of work has gone into this exhibition show," Meredith Conger said. "The eight pieces of my work that are displayed in the gallery are only a glimpse of how much work I actually produced. They are the finalized pieces of the entire process."

The pieces in this exhibit signify more than just art to these seniors. Lindsay Bridgers described it as a culmination of her entire art career. She explained that, though they have been working on these collections for about a year, the technique behind each piece in the exhibit reflects many years of hard work and study.

A capstone is something all seniors must complete, and pass, to graduate.

The studio art majors' capstone is a class that spans over one full year in which the students must create a cohesive art collection for the exhibit at the end of the year.

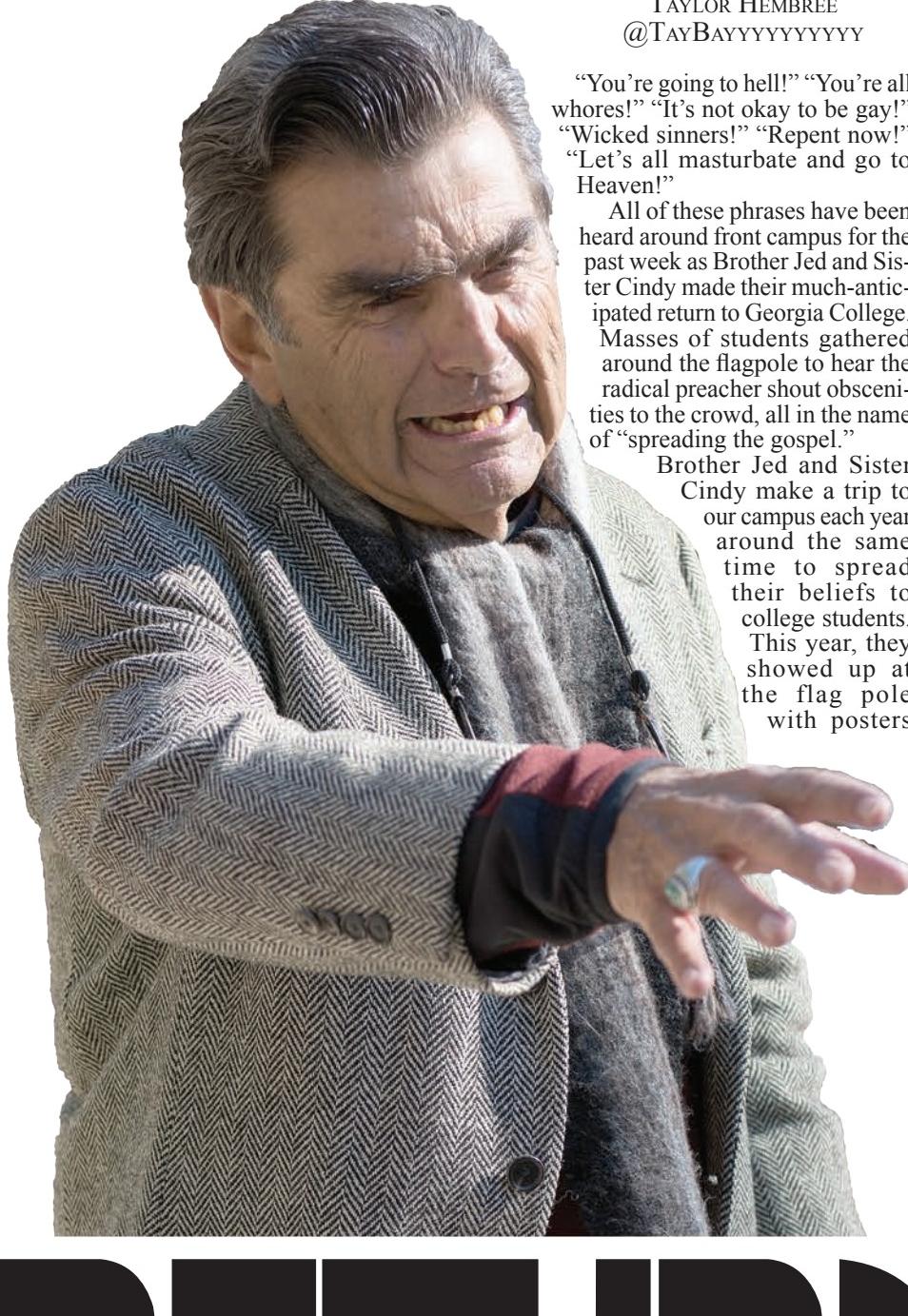
"The exhibition is the culmination of the capstone and to show the artists we have become over our four years in the major," Ellie Smith said.

The girls call their exhibit, "Precipice." In a literal sense, a precipice resembles a tall cliff, but for these five seniors it represents standing on the edge of the unknown, about to take the next big step into their careers.

"The GC Art Department has totally changed the way I look at and make art," Danielle Vogel said. "I have these really incredible professors that have become my mentors and friends. [They have] opened my mind to our own Milledgeville community and the different communities around the US and the world."

Each artist has their own unique style that is displayed through their art. Among the different techniques used and subjects depicted, there is a variety of mediums represented.

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"You're going to hell!" "You're all whores!" "It's not okay to be gay!" "Wicked sinners!" "Repent now!" "Let's all masturbate and go to Heaven!"

All of these phrases have been heard around front campus for the past week as Brother Jed and Sister Cindy made their much-anticipated return to Georgia College. Masses of students gathered around the flagpole to hear the radical preacher shout obscenities to the crowd, all in the name of "spreading the gospel."

Brother Jed and Sister Cindy make a trip to our campus each year around the same time to spread their beliefs to college students.

This year, they showed up at the flag pole with posters

"Let's all masturbate and go to Heaven!"

expressing harsh words, slogans and a stick sporting a fake blood-soaked tampon. Brother Jed also brought an extension cord for a bit he calls "Sex Ed with Brother Jed."

The news of Brother Jed and Sister Cindy's presence on campus spread like wildfire. The couple's radical approach to spreading the word of God was subject to much gossip on the campus and the hype enticed students to experience the radical preaching.

When asked why they take such extreme approaches, Sister Cindy said, "Every school day we are on a college campus and we call people to repentance. We think we're having success right now, we have all of these people thinking and talking. We want to provoke conversations."

Appalled by the radical approach of Brother Jed, a group of students felt lead to present the message of God or the Bible in a different way. Off to the side of the "free speech zone," which at that point was blocked off by police barricades, these students held posters with phrases like, "God does NOT hate" and uplifting Bible verses about not condemning people for their sins.

This group wanted to promote the loving and accepting side of Christianity and prove that not all Christians spread the word by preaching hate and yelling vulgar phrases.

"He comes every year and biblically, there's a lot that's technically true, but there's so much more that's wrong about what he's saying and the main problem with the church is that people feel like they aren't loved by the one place that they should be loved," said Richard Rees, senior English major. "Our point was to present a different side of the gospel that they weren't going to hear from him. The Bible says you can have all these things like you can speak in tongues, you can have the power of healing and you can pray. But if you don't have love, you're nothing."

Another concerned student, sophomore psychology major MaryMason Beale said, "Jesus gives joy and contentment and that over there sounds like a lot of bitterness."

Even though this preaching takes place each year on our campus, the shattering accusations made by Brother Jed and Sister Cindy create a hostile environment surrounding what should be a peaceful topic: spreading the word of Christ.

If there is one message that the group of students spreading love in the area of free speech wanted to relay, it was John 3:17: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

RETURN OF JED



ANNA HALE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
ONE Campaign teams up with NLSA Monday night to host "The Hunger Games."



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(Top and Above) GC ONE Campaign teams up with NLSA, Habitat for Humanity, Freedom Fighters, Model UN and Gamma Sigma Sigma to host the second annual ONE Week. Habitat for Humanity and Circle K hosts "Front Campus Camp Out" on front campus Nov. 11 to raise money for Habitat.

Hunger, Hope, ONE WEEK

Campaign hosts events to raise money for non-profit

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Imagine being so hungry that the pain in your stomach eventually becomes just as familiar as breathing. Imagine trying to properly function in class without eating for days.

Imagine the struggle of never knowing when your next meal is.

Last week, the Georgia College ONE Campaign teamed up with the Non-profit Leadership Alliance Gamma Sigma Sigma, Habitat for Humanity, Freedom Fighters and Model U.N. to spread awareness of the hunger and poverty that affects millions of people on a day-to-day basis.

The week-long series of events, called ONE Week, started on Nov. 10 and ended on Nov. 15. The events included, "The Hunger Games," "Front Campus Camp Out," "Transforming Statistics into Stories," "Hunger Banquet" and "30 Hour Famine."

The programs all boosted

people's knowledge of hunger and poverty through different hands-on activities and presentations. Gamma Sigma Sigma's "30 Hour Famine" also had both an emotional and physical effect on the people who participated in the event.

30 Hour Famine is exactly what it sounds like. Participants partook in a 30-hour fast that started at noon on Nov. 14 and ended at 6 p.m. the next day. For most of the 30 hours participants stayed in the Village classroom and engaged in poverty scenario games, documentary watching and group reflection time. The participants also volunteered for two hours at Habitat for Humanity to better understand how a hunger stricken person would feel doing physical labor.

"I really love the service part about it because you can feel the hunger," said Jennie Pless, a junior psychology and liberal studies major. "It's different when you're tired and hungry. You think about how people

have to go to work like this every day."

During the famine, 870 forks were placed in the grass around the A&S Fountain. The forks represented the 870 million people that go hungry every day. The forks served as a week-long physical reminder of the present battle most people ignore.

The goal of 30 Hour Famine was for each participant to raise \$35. The money was raised through individual-fundraising pages and social media posts. All of the money raised first goes to World Vision, an international non-profit organization. At the end of the event, the participants gathered together and decided to send their money to Somalia.

"It's a really holistic experience from raising the money yourself, coming together, doing community service in the community, and then actually taking our money and sending it out into the world to do good," said Bryan Bunn, fundraising chair of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Home is where the peaches are

One student recalls her decision

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Erica West signed a lease in Athens and was prepared to transfer from GC to UGA when a sudden change of heart made her realize: there's no place like Milly.

The "small town charm" of Milledgeville made Erica feel at home. "Once people give Milly a chance it's almost impossible not to fall in love," she said.

Many students, like Erica, come to GC with a chip on their shoulders and full intentions of transferring after a year or two. However, a lot of them seem to end up staying in good ole Milledgeville.

Students sometimes overlook Georgia College because of its small size and lack of a football team to dedicate themselves to on Saturdays. However, the place is unlike any other. Students realize how truly special it is once it is no longer compared to an SEC school and, instead, valued for all it has to offer.

Here, you get to be an individual. You are a familiar face, not just a face in the crowd. Professors and peers know you by

name, and work with you on an individual level to help you succeed.

Mike Augustine, director of advising, noticed how students enroll here with the intention of staying only a year or two, but end up crossing the graduation stage on front campus.

His personal theory is that Georgia College is so traditional that students can easily develop roots.

"Once a student starts growing these roots, it makes it a bit harder to suddenly detach and leave," Augustine said. "The longer a student

stays at Georgia College, the greater the odds seem to be that they will stay."

Bailey Beckham, sophomore mass communication major, planned to transfer to UGA next year and has decided to stay a Bobcat.

"I found my niche here," Beckham said. "I found a place that I loved and friends that I longed for. Milledgeville became my home away from home."

College in Milledgeville has a small town feel, but not a small town mentality. There is a vision of opportunity all around. GC is small enough to see people you know everywhere, but also big enough to meet new people wherever you go.

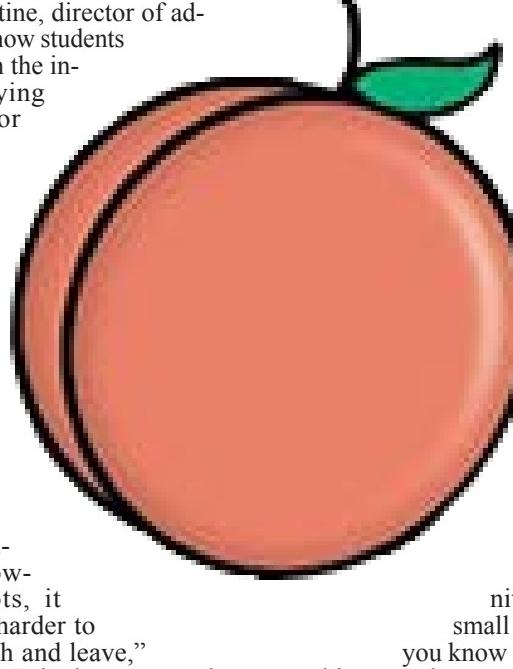
"People fall in love with Milledgeville because of the special community that turns into family," said sophomore Camille Tracy. Her love for Georgia College led to her decision to show it off to potential Bobcats by becoming a Student Ambassador. "GC is unlike other universities because once you're involved and invested it becomes hard to leave," she said.

I was guilty of believing that I settled for this school. My goal was to get to UGA, be a Bulldawg and wear red and black with pride. I planned to transfer next fall.

However, returning to Milledgeville this year, as I passed the misspelled "Peaches" sign by the fruit stand on 441, I couldn't help but smile because in my heart I knew that I was heading to my home away from home.

This year, with the thought of possibly leaving, not only have I fallen more in love with Georgia College, but I have also fallen in love with Milledgeville.

Milledgeville becomes deeply appreciated with the little things. From the smell of the freshly brewed coffee in Blackbird to the panorama view of front campus from Atkinson Hall's porch, this place has a way of capturing hearts.



Life of a CA

CAs talk about trials, tribulations their work

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Community Advisors: They're the ones that guilted you into coming to an event, held your hair while you vomited or helped you put together that overly complex chair from Ikea. They don't always have the best reputations among their residents, but students don't always realize what CAs have to deal with.

CAs were the first people you met when arriving at college. The ones you went to at 3 a.m. when you lost your Bobcat card and couldn't get into your

room. They became your new mother while you were on your own for the first time in your life.

In addition to the duties in the job description like making rounds while on duty and planning programs for residents, CAs face many situations that could be described as funny, horrific or just plain weird.

One CA offered to help a female resident assemble her futon on move-in day.

She later made a pass at him and asked, "Do you want to come break in the futon you helped me build?"

CAs encountered their fair share of intoxicated residents. These encounters occasionally escalated.

Another CA tried to help an inebriated resident get to her room and the resident said, "I'm gonna slit your throat!"

In addition to the funny and horrific incidents, CAs also faced just plain weird occurrences.

Around 4 a.m. on a Saturday when a CA was on duty, he received a call from a staff member. She asked him to come to her room and check out a situation because some guys were banging on her door.

When the CA arrived, he saw a "dark puddle spot" in front of the door. It turned out to be pee.

They used a HAZMAT spill kit to clean it up.

"It was pretty awful," the CA said. "I mean who pees at 4:30 a.m. in the morning?"

In an exclusive GroupMe, one of the CAs posted a picture in the group of her holding a real fish on a stick that was found outside her dorm. Another CA made a meme of the picture that said, "I don't remember this being in the job description."

CAs go through a training process prior to each semester and learn how to deal with certain situations. That training was put to use when a CA was involved in an incident when residents were loud after quiet hours. When the CAs busted the party, the guys in the next suite attempted to flee but were stopped.

The CA said, "After you knock on a door to bust the residents, it's funny to see what happens. You hear the music shut off quickly and a bunch of rustling around."

A CA described the job as, "[We are] the first responders to incidents and then call the police."

"Around 3:30 a.m., this girl came knocking on my door," said former CA Chad Bankston. "She said there was a guy passed out on the stairs bleeding. He didn't remember where he lived, so I picked him up over my shoulder and carried him to different dorms and tried swiping his Bobcat card on all the doors to see where he lived. Once I found his dorm, I found his name on a door and put him to bed."

Bankston also admitted that he went downtown one night while on duty and almost got fired.

Students became CAs for reasons such as financial compensation or because of the relationships formed with their residents.

"I love the idea of building community and living with others to promote unity between one another," said Christal Reincher, sophomore CA. "I love people and getting to be with 32 freshman 24/7 is great."

So think twice before you harass your CA. They put up with enough drunken, forgetful and sometimes flirty residents.

Law enforcement seeks to bridge gap in community, reach out to students at GC

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On Nov. 12, a group of students held a public forum to bridge the gap between the Milledgeville community and law enforcement.

A criminal justice senior seminar class invited panelists to engage in conversation about the disconnect between agencies and the community? Among the panelists were, Chief Scott Beckner of Georgia College Public Safety, Sheriff Bill Massee from the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and Major John Davis with the Milledgeville

Police Department.

The Depot became the forum for open discussion sponsored by the American Democracy Project. Students from the seminar class facilitated the forum with a question and answer session before the floor was open to the audience.

During that time, the panelists discussed topics ranging from community engagement and technology to the conditioned thoughts about law enforcement from an early age.

Major John Davis from the Milledgeville police department painted a strong picture of how and why children are growing up fearful of police officers. "From a young age children are taught

when a police officer walks in the room, you better be on your best behavior or he's gonna take you away," said Davis.

"I think as parents we need to stop this cycle. It does nothing to help community relations at its core."

While people are quick to be cautious around the uniform, law enforcement also treads carefully. Bridging the gap and increasing communication will only happen if both the community and law enforcement work towards a common goal.

"Police have a tendency to retract because of the lawsuits, the frivolous complaints and the hate," said Davis. "Both of us have got to be big enough to

break out of that."

According to Major Davis, open dialogue and interaction are vital.

"We're all people," he added. "We've got to meet somewhere and talk to one another to make this thing better."

With his 34 years experience in law enforcement, Sheriff Bill Massee expressed frustration with the breakdown in communication due to technology and how that negatively impacts the ability to engage one another.

"I rode by Georgia College the other day and all of these nice looking young

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Diversity Peer Educators 2015-2016



Diversity Peer Educators are a group of student leaders dedicated to facilitating conversations among the student body about various issues of diversity. The role of the Diversity Peer Educator will be to improve inclusivity within the Georgia College community through peer education and advocacy. This will include utilizing group facilitation, collaborating with Housing, and completion of semesterly requirements. Selection Process will include interview.

Position Requirements

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New program created for student success

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Put into effect at the end of the 2014 spring semester, the Student Success Collaborative is one of the newest programs at Georgia College, helping lead students to brighter futures, both academically and professionally.

The program collected data from successful Georgia College alumni over the past eight years using an online tool to analyze the steps alumni took to have successful careers.

"What the collaborative will do is it will compare students in a specific major and compare

"It will help them realize what they are good at and then see from there where they want to proceed."

*Mariah Maring,
Freshman Undeclared Major*

them to students that have been successful at Georgia College in the same major," said Suzanne Pittman, the associate vice president for enrollment management. "It makes sure they are performing the same way, and if students that were successful and majored in something found a certain course that might be a little more difficult, it flags the advisor to know that."

Advisors will take into consideration students who appear to be struggling in their

classes or might not be on track to graduate on time. They will be alerted by the collaborative tool and can use the data of alumni to recommend a more successful course load for the student.

When sharing his views on the new program, junior computer science major Blake O'Dell agrees with the fundamental strengths behind it.

"They should give students a heads up ahead of time on how they are doing, so that they'll know whether they need to make adjustments to their studying so they can actually do well in their classes," said Blake O'Dell.

The collaborative can also help undecided students declare

a major. The tool checks what areas a student has performed well in and recommends classes with majors where the student will have a higher probability of success.

Freshman undeclared major Mariah Maring found this to be encouraging for other undeclared students like herself.

"It will help them realize what they are good at and then see from there where they want to proceed," she said.

THE · SHORT · LIST

The top new stories from all over the world as collected, curated and composed by Katie Skogen



1 Cosby gets conspicuous. Long time actor Bill Cosby is making headlines this week, and not for his new TV pilot for NBC. Allegations of rape from at least six different women have been made against the actor. Cosby has denied all the allegations regarding him drugging and raping the women and refused to discuss them any further in an interview with NPR. However, both NBC and Netflix have dropped all programs with Cosby in them. (NPR)

2 Nobamacare for you. President Barack Obama threw America a curve ball this week by pleasing the Republican Party. Millions of immigrants will be granted citizenship this week, but with one little catch – they can't have our health care. Immigrants are protected from being deported, but are not eligible for low-cost health care from www.Healthcare.gov. Officials also said that it is unlikely immigrants will be able to receive any government benefits such as food stamps. Nonetheless, children who were born in the U.S. to parents who immigrated will be able to receive benefits. (The New York Times)

3 "Science, bitch!" The European Organization for Nuclear Research has brought the world one step further in comprehending the vast universe. On Wednesday, they announced they have discovered two new subatomic particles never seen before. This discovery could support how the universe beyond our "Standard Model," aka the building blocks of matter. The particles were discovered with the Large Hadron Collider, which was also used to discover "The God Particle" in 2012. (ABC)

4 Not so Beautiful Day. The lead singer of U2, Bono, took a serious spill on Sunday while riding his bike through Central Park. He swerved to avoid colliding with another rider, but crashed. The crash resulted in five hours of surgery and a broken bone that required three metal plates and 18 screws to mend it. He also suffered a facial fracture, three separate fractures in his shoulder blade and his left humerus shattered in six places. U2 has not released whether or not the upcoming tour will be affected by his recovery. (The New York Times)

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PUBLIC SAFETY

HELP! MY FLOWERS HAVE FALLEN AND THEY CAN'T GET UP!

Nov. 9, 9:36 a.m. Officer Chatman was sent to Front Campus in reference to damaged property. Upon arrival he found that a flower pot in front of Atkinson Hall had been flipped over, damaging the flowers. The flowers were said to be valued at \$100. The case has been turned over to investigations.

THE CARD CROOK STRIKES AGAIN

Nov. 10, 1:12 p.m. A student reported that his Bobcat card was stolen. The guy said he left his card in a pair of shoes that he left in the courtyard between Foundation and Parkhurst. No money from his account was missing when made the report. He completed a written statement, but no suspects have been identified.

"I AM SO DRUNK. PLEASE GET ME OUT OF HERE."

Nov. 14, 1:19 a.m. Officer Williams saw a guy stumbling down Clark Street. He was unstable on his feet and unable to walk straight. Williams stopped him and asked where he was coming from. He said he was coming from The Max, to which Williams said it had been closed for several hours. "I am coming from The Max. It closes at 8:30 p.m.," he replied. He was then asked how much he had to drink, and he said he had not been drinking. After changing his story several times, he was given a breathalyzer and blew a .213. He was arrested and placed in the police car. On the way to the Milledgeville Police Department, he told the officer, "I am so drunk. Please get me out of here." In addition to speaking in the back of the police car, he also threw up.

THAT'S AN INTERESTING SCENT HE'S WEARING

Nov. 15, 9:06 p.m. Officer Kennedy was sent to the lobby of Adams Hall in response to an intoxicated person. Kennedy advised dispatch to get Emergency Medical Services en route. Upon arrival, Kennedy found the guy passed out in a chair. Kennedy and Sgt. Smith tried to wake him up, but he was unresponsive. The guy had urinated on himself, but he still had a strong odor of alcohol. EMS arrived and took him to Oconee Regional Medical Center for treatment.

IT'S "HI, HOW ARE YOU?" NOT "HOW HIGH ARE YOU?"

Nov. 15, 12:32 a.m. Officer Kennedy was dispatched to The Village because of a strong smell of weed. Kennedy met with the CA on duty and was taken to the room in question. Kennedy made contact with one of the residents of the room who at first said he didn't have anything illegal in the room. He then ceded and admitted to having alcohol. Kennedy disposed of the alcohol, but smelled alcohol on the breath of the suitemates. One of them admitted to having weed and gave it to Kennedy to secure as evidence. All three students were sent to student judicial.

THE CASE IS CLOSED. ER... BROKEN

Nov. 15, 12:10 p.m. Officer McWilliams responded to the Parkhurst laundry room in reference to damaged property. McWilliams met with the CA on duty who said she was doing her rounds when she saw the glass to a fire extinguisher case had been broken. She said she saw the case a little earlier, but it wasn't broken then. An individual doing laundry at the time said he saw the broken glass but didn't know what happened to it. There were also clothes in a washing machine that weren't there before, so that person could have been a person of interest. The case was turned over to detectives and a work order to fix the glass was placed.

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ladies are [on campus] and these boys out there texting. I said, 'are you crazy?' As progressive as we've gotten, technology has set us back," he said. "You young people could text me the Declaration of Independence, but if someone broke into your house, you can't come sit in my office and tell me about it. We've gotten so proficient with technology that we've lost communication."

According to Scott Beckner, one way Georgia College Public Safety officers work to overcome the barriers of engagement is through being visible.

"We try to break down the barriers so you feel comfortable," he said. "Officers walk a foot beat inside residence halls and do training

programs. They're not looking to arrest, they're just simply there to be available. We like to get into your environment so you feel more comfortable with us being around."

GC Public Safety has developed a new app that is free to download and automatically available to anyone with a Georgia College email. The app contains two components: an anonymous tip line and easy access to contact straight to dispatch. This app will pinpoint your GPS location and notify Public Safety of a crime-in-progress.

"We all live in this bubble and we're trying to keep the bad people out of it," said Sheriff Massee.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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I am a student. I am a journalist. I am a Christian.

And as a follower of Christ I feel compelled to reach out to the student body here at Georgia College and address the radical comments from Brother Jed and Sister Cindy.

It is sad and disappointing that people within the Christian faith feel compelled to seek such attention and claim to be sinless and blameless.

We are all human. We all mess up. Even us Christians.

I have made plenty of mistakes along the road and I'm sure I will make many more. The God I believe in, and have experienced, is loving, patient and full of grace.

I don't have all of the answers and I don't fully understand the Bible. But what I know for sure is this: second chances are all around us.

As a student, I forget to do my homework. As a journalist, I forget to ask important questions. And as a Christian? I sin, daily.

As a society, we want to make fun of the radical things people such as Brother Jed preach, but the sad truth is that someone somewhere will take what is said to heart and believe it as truth. Self-righteousness gets you nowhere — in heaven or on earth.

I want to tell you that it doesn't matter if you share my beliefs, my hair color, shoe size or even sexual orientation. God loves you, no matter what.

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Corrections

From the Nov. 14 issue:

Jimmy Wilson was misnamed in the Bobcats vs. Colonials story in the sports section.

THE LITTER Box

Brother Jed selfie for the win. That guy is crazy.

Welcome to Milledgeville, where the mental hospital is closed but the weather is bipolar!

My life will be complete when biscuits will be available 24/7 at Bojangles.

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Attendance policies are overrated

Students pay the price whether they show up or not

DEREK ROBERTS
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Attendance, smashmendance.

Over the course of this semester my attendance has been somewhat lackadaisical. My attendance to class, or lack thereof, is not entirely a product of laziness. Sure there were days I rolled over, looked at the alarm clock and decided to turn it off and go back to sleep. And most students are guilty of skipping class because they were too hungover or still drunk from the night before.

But the previously mentioned excuses aren't main factors as to why my attendance has suffered.

My attendance has suffered because I, like many other GC students, am over-committed and trying to balance too much at one time.

Adults will tell us that it's part of growing up, and that we'll have a rude awakening when we reach the real world. Maybe they'll be right, but I'll cross that bridge when I'm in the real world. Until then, it would be nice to not have to worry about missing a few "extra" days of class.

It's kind of like watching a waitress carry multiple plates of food on a tray that's not quite big enough. Yeah, she might not drop the plates, but you can still tell she's struggling. It's the same with college students. We might not "drop our plates," but the struggle is real.

Working multiple jobs, taking 15 hours worth of courses and completing homework and projects on time is not an easy feat. Mix in 8 a.m. classes and it gets even tougher. Can it all be done? Of course it can, but with little sleep and a nonexistent social life.

However, I don't understand why professors find it necessary to punish students for missing class. The professors get paid either way, right? So what does it matter?

If a customer purchases a steak at a restaurant and doesn't finish it, is he/she penalized? It might be frowned upon, but nonetheless there isn't negative repercussions -- well besides being hungry later.

After the HOPE Scholarship covers most of my tuition, I am still stuck with a sum of money that I can't afford to pay for out of pocket. I take out student loans, and guess where that money goes? It helps pay for GC professors' salaries.

I am a customer. You are a customer. We are customers. Whatever happened to "the customer's always right?" So as paying customers, why should we, as students, face possibilities of failing courses just because we miss too many days of class?

I understand that professors have authority and power to make these rules, but I think attendance policies are products of professors abusing their powers.

I understand that the rules are the rules, but I still can wrap my head around the fact that students are wasting time, money and effort throughout the semester only to realize they are either going fail the course or lose a significant amount of points off of their overall grades.

If a student is missing a substantial amount of class and their grades reflect that, then I can see where professors are coming. But, if a student passes their exams and completes their homework and assignments, attendance shouldn't be an issue.

Personally, there are times when I learn better by sitting at my house and simply reading the textbook. I'm not bashing any GC professors in particular, but sometimes class is more of a distraction than it is a learning tool.

As a customer, I strive to attend class as much as I can because I am paying to learn. But if I work all day, stay up all night doing homework and decide to skip class to catch up on some sleep, I shouldn't be treated like a criminal.

The Colonnade staff wishes you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving break Bobcats!

WRITER OF THE WEEK:

TRICIA PULLIAM INTERESTING STORY IDEA

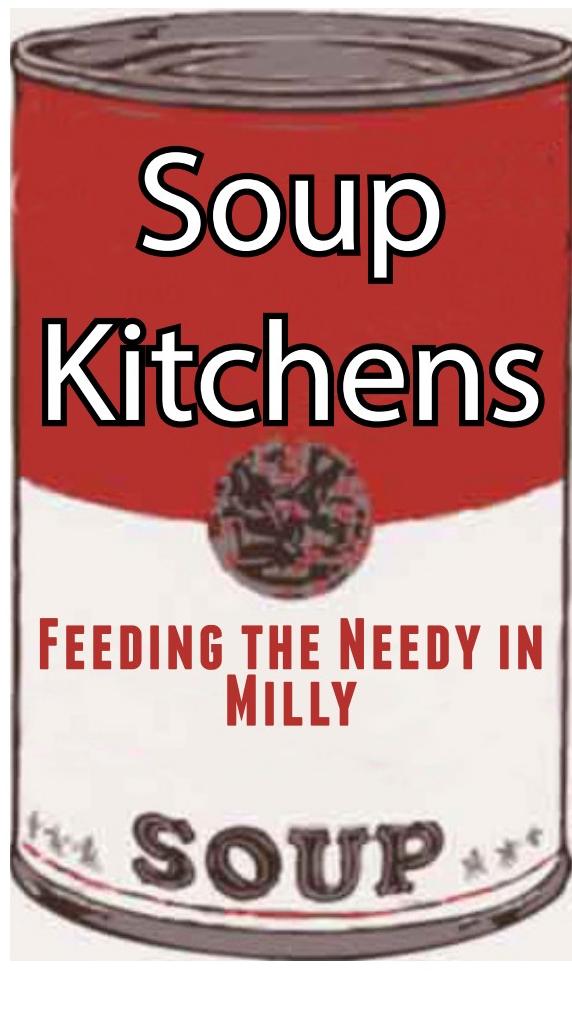
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Café Central welcomes guests and volunteers for a free meal once a week. Serving as many as 450 guests every Tuesday, Café Central is one of the places in Milledgeville where the hungry can go to get a free hot meal. If you are interested in making a contribution or volunteering, contact Ann Bowen at 478-457-7213 or the Freedom Church office at 478-452-7694.

Cafe Central gives out soup every Tuesday in Milledgeville

KELSEY RICHARDSON
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The hum of delighted chattering resonated through the church hidden within Milledgeville's woods.

The sound is from hundreds of people taking part in Café Central, which has been Milledgeville's soup kitchen since October 2009. The soup kitchen is located in the gym of Freedom Church, and serves guests from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday.

The basketball court sized gym was packed on Nov. 18 with an abundance of volunteers and guests. The population wasn't just limited to one target group; children, senior citizens, college students and middle aged people showed up to the soup kitchen.

Javeon Reeves, a 9-year-old boy helped pass out sweet tea and lemonade to Café Central's guests.

"It's great for kids to come out and see what it takes to get all of this done," said Mamie Reeves, the mother of Javeon.

In the corner of the gym sat Hellen Hill.

Despite her petite, elderly appearance Hill is an active volunteer at Café Central. This year is her fifth year volunteering. She said that the soup kitchen serves 500-800 people during most weeks; however, Nov. 18 was the kitchen's Thanksgiving special day, so more than 1,000 people are expected.

When asked why she is such a loyal volunteer at the kitchen, Hill said, "I really have nothing better to do."

Marie Farmer, the treasurer for the soup kitchen, frantically buzzed around the gym designating jobs for the volunteers. She said that the amount of college student volunteers was overwhelming, but she was grateful for all of the help.

Most of the student volunteers were community health majors or a part of Greek life.

Community health majors used the volunteering as a service learning opportunity, which is a requirement for their major. Ian Roberts, who is studying community health, said that he enjoys volunteering at the soup kitchen so much that he has already volunteered eight times.

"I help give them food, which is really cool," said Roberts.

GC Greek sorority and fraternity members volunteered at the soup kitchen to help contribute towards Big Greek Give. Big Greek Give gives Greek life members a chance to serve the Milledgeville community through volunteering, hosting fundraisers and raising awareness about those in need.

Meghan Mitchell, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha said that she loves giving back to the community through volunteering at the soup kitchen.

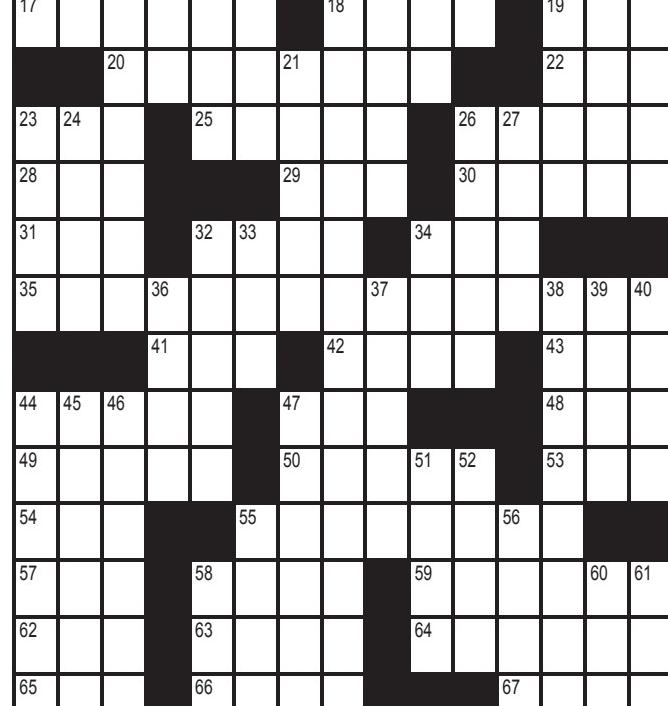
"I thought this one would be really good for getting into the holiday spirit," Mitchell said.

The soup kitchen depends on donations of food and money to keep the hungry Milledgeville residents fed. The cooking of the food, cleaning of the facility and serving to the guests is all done by volunteers on a weekly basis. Ann Bowen is the coordinator of Café Central, so if anyone wants to contribute to the soup kitchen, they would have to contact her.

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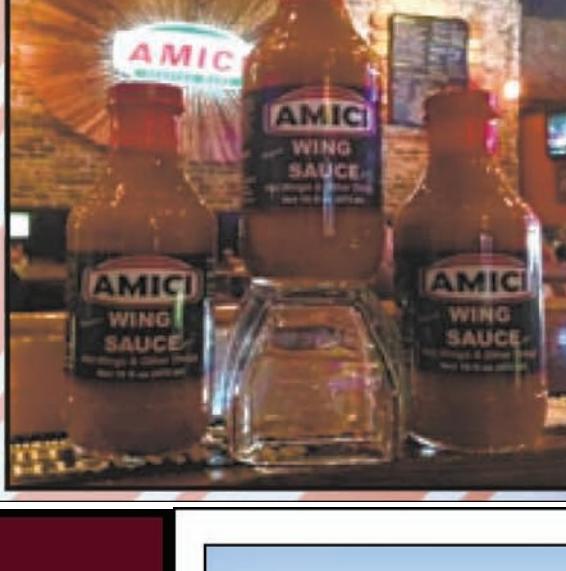
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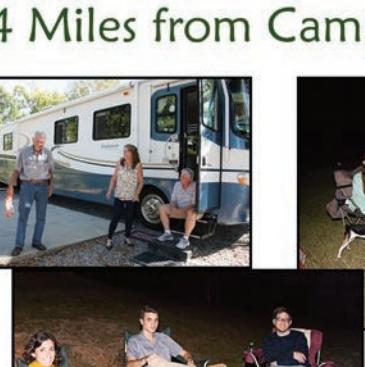
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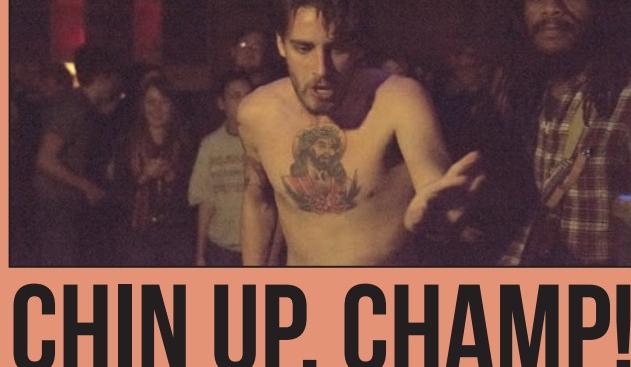
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MIDNIGHT ROYALTY



PAY DAY

SAM BLANKENSHIP AND TAYLOR HEMBREE
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Magnolia Ballroom might not be on par with venues like Whisky A-Go-Go or CBGB when it comes to iconic rock, but that didn't stop Georgia College students from getting loud and rowdy at CAB's annual Battle of the Bands Wednesday night.

Seven bands battled for the opportunity to open in the 2015 Homecoming concert, the headliner for which has yet to be announced. Three judges chose who would get that honor. The judge's choice also

received a \$250 check.

The audience was also able to vote for their favorite performance, the winner of which received \$100.

The seven bands competing included Ben Provencial; Phony Red Sheet; Chin Up, Champ!; We're Gonna Need a Better Band; Good Thoughts; Midnight Royalty and Pay Day.

The judges chose Pay Day for the winner, with Midnight Royalty as first runner-up and Good Thoughts as second runner-up. Midnight Royalty also won the audience's vote.

JUDGE'S CHOICE: PAY DAY

colonade: How long have you been performing together?

pay day: About two weeks

colonade: How would you describe your music?

pay day: Pop Jazz. R&B Jazz covers.

Yea. David loves Jazz ... You've just got to let the crowd feel it, and that's what we went for.

colonade: What was your experience like performing in Battle of the Bands?

pay day: It was really juicy?

Juicy.

Yea, really good energy. For real. You could feel the love.



colonade: What's your favorite song to perform?

pay day: I like "Fun." Yea, I'm sad we had to cut it short.

I like "Scrub," I guess.

colonade: If you could open for any band who would it be?

pay day: I would have to go with Belle and Sebastian. That's my band.

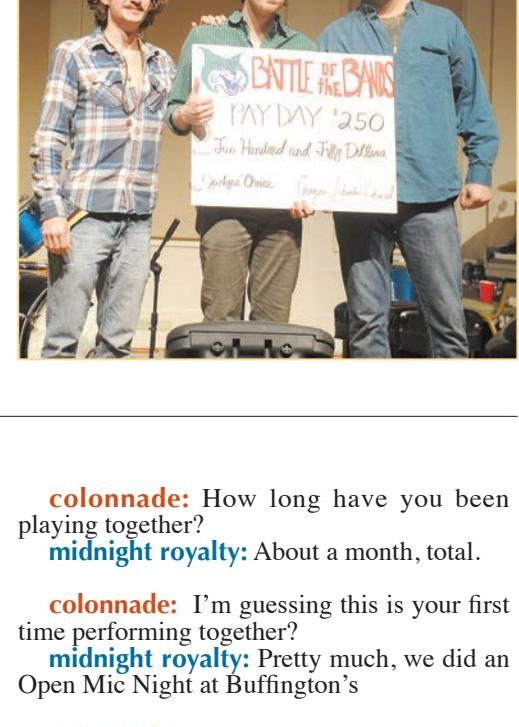
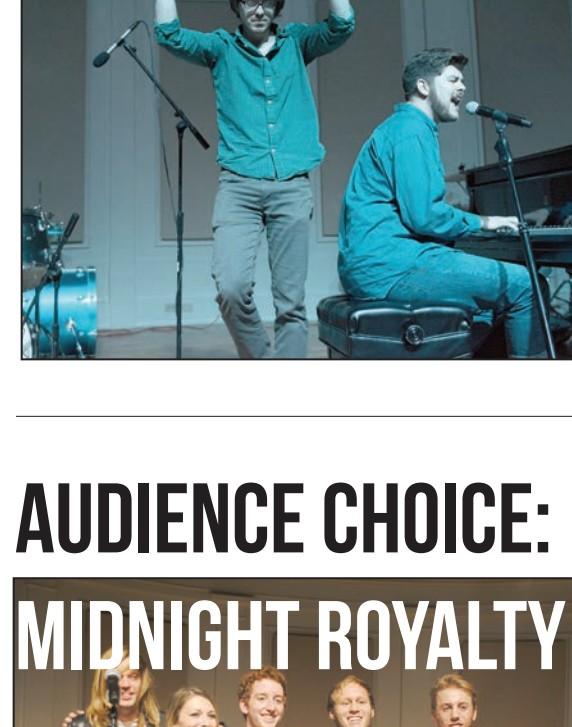
I'm trying to think as it relates to us.

For us...

Rihanna?

Dude, R. Kelly.

Yea if we opened for R. Kelly that'd be it.



AUDIENCE CHOICE:

MIDNIGHT ROYALTY



colonade: How long have you been playing together?

midnight royalty: About a month, total.

colonade: I'm guessing this is your first time performing together?

midnight royalty: Pretty much, we did an Open Mic Night at Buffington's

colonade: How would you describe your style of music?

midnight royalty: Badass

Bad. Like Michael Jackson "Bad," the album.

The best kind of bad that you can be.

colonade: Describe the experience of playing for Battle of the Bands.

midnight royalty: A lot of fun.

Good times. It was really fun. All of our friends were here and they were really getting into it. That always makes it better.

Lots of good energy.

It's fun to just get up there and jam in your friends' faces.

colonade: What's your favorite song to perform?

midnight royalty: Bad Reputation.

I enjoyed them all.

Bad Reputation is the best one, for sure.

It's our specialty.

Yea head banging.

colonade: If you could open for any band, who would it be?

midnight royalty: Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Pretty much anybody that will put me on.

Pretty much anybody at all.



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Noches en los Jardines de España

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As the semester draws to an end and all departments are wrapping up their projects, the Georgia College Department of Music presented Noches en los Jardines de España, or Nights in the Gardens of Spain.

The event was a chance to watch creativity, as well as Georgia College's mission to cultivate cross-departmental collaboration, come alive. The production included collaboration between three different art forms: visual art, music and poetry.

The performers started with the Spanish poem "Nights in the Gardens of Spain" by Jorge Guillén. Ken Proctor, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, then created a series of charcoal drawings inspired by the poem.

"The idea that we collaborate, that there's interaction in various disciplines here and this is what we do, that's something I wanted to tap into," Proctor said.

At the start of the program Sergio Ruiz, professor and chair of the music department, performed "Spanish Dances" and "Poetic Waltzes," two piano compositions by the late nineteenth-century composer Enrique Granados.

In the second half of the show, Proctor came out to explain his art and its relation to the Guillén poem translated and read by Spanish professor Louis Bourne. The night closed with a musical performance by Michele Volz, Elizabeth Álvarez, Julie Rosseter, George Butler and Ruiz, who performed Manuel de Falla's piece,



EMMA NORTJE / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

A performance of the arts took place in Magnolia Ballroom on Thursday, Nov. 13 featuring GC faculty from multiple departments.

"Nights in the Gardens of Spain."

"I thought it was cool because it show[ed] us how we can all connect different things like writing and music and art ... I thought the music really did connect with the poem and [Proctor's] art," said Kinsey Swain, a freshman psychology major.

Audience members not only had the chance to experience live art and music rolled into one, but also to see their school's faculty in action.

"I also thought it was cool how we got to see what the people that work at our school can do with art and music," Swain said.

The evening was named after a Spanish poem, which was translated by Proctor into a visual medium in the form of a charcoal drawing. Proctor says his art was a "suite of drawings" that showed images of trees and forests. The art itself was created by nothing more than a teaspoon of ground charcoal dusted onto paper with paintbrushes.

After the show, the audience, was able to see the Proctor's images arranged in the back of the Magnolia Ballroom, ordered from the start of the musical composition to the end of it. As Proctor put it, he and the musicians were "building [the] crescendo of music."

By the end of the night, the mission of Georgia College to achieve collaboration had been defined by an army of artists, wielding nothing more than paintbrushes, instruments and a poem.

Precipice

Continued from front page...

Painting, drawing, printmaking, photography and collagraphy are some of the specialties of these senior artists.

"The greatest thing about art is that it is usually left up to interpretation and can create conversation," Abigail Jones said.

Nearly a year of intensive work and focus on this exhibit is finally coming to an end. Bridgers, Conger, Jones, Smith and Vogel can finally sit back as their finished work hangs proudly in Ennis Hall. With the help of the GC Art Program, these five girls have been climbing the "Precipice" for four years, and now, they get to jump off.

"Piano Lesson" hits a high note



LEXI SCOTT / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This Pulitzer Prize-winning play takes Black Box for second week, showcasing the African-American experience in 1936 America. The last two showings will be Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.



GC STUDENTS ❤ THEATRE

We need students who are culturally literate as well as math and science literate.

—PAUL OSTERGARD, VICE PRESIDENT, CITICORP

Co-ed sports come to Greek Week 2015

Big changes, new traditions ahead

NICK LANDON
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There's been some unrest in the Greek community after the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFL) announced earlier in the year that the rules for Greek Week were changing.

Most of the concern surrounding the changes to Greek Week involved removing most of the sports from the lineup for the week itself, and instead counting points throughout the entire year through intramural sports. This, according to a statement from Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, Tiffany Bayne, was meant to eliminate the over-scheduling of students during Greek Week.

This was an answer to a charge from the Dean of Students and the Director of Campus Life for the OFSL to improve the safety of Greek Week events as well as to address the recurring issue of students missing or sleeping in classes due to the activities.

Students were predictably upset with the new format, as some of the major athletic events that were cut are typically some of the most engaging of the week.

"I was disappointed when I heard they weren't included, because everyone always gets really pumped for those events in particular," Junior Delta Zeta member Taylor Hembree said of the changes.

Greek affiliated students spoke up, and the OFSL listened.

In a statement from Tiffany Bane, she detailed that the students and the

administrative staff at the OFSL work closely with each other, and that student opinion was heavily considered.

"The tournament style sports were very important to the ethos of the week," Bayne said. "So, we collaborated with our students and GC Rec Sports and added softball and football back to the actual week."

But there was a minor compromise to save time and also remain committed to the holistic approach the OFSL is taking to Greek Week.

Bayne says the tournament will be co-ed.

Allegedly, each fraternity will be paired with a sorority for certain sporting events. It is unclear at the moment which events will be co-ed, but football and softball are certainly on that exclusive list.

President of Delta Zeta, Katherine Davis says she's excited for the changes made to Greek Week, but understands any concerns with the events.

"People are always afraid of change," Davis said, "even when it has the potential to be a beneficial change."

In addition to adding co-ed sports to the mix, the OFSL has also added a few new sports: Aquatic Shenanigans (Belly Flop, Cannon Ball and Synchronized Swimming), Stroll, Family Feud and the "service event." Bayne says the details



FILE PHOTO
Members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity battle it out in last year's tug competition at Greek Week 2014.

of these events are being worked out by a team of representatives from the Greek organizations on campus.

"We are very excited to see how the changes can positively affect this long standing tradition," Bayne said. This may end up being a trial run for Greek Week in the future, as Bayne also expressed her excitement to hear what students have to say about the changes once it's all said and done.

"The Greek Life Advisors are very open to suggestions," Davis said. "Anything that doesn't work, I know they will be willing to change for the following year."



A little brain, a little braun

One story that still appalls me in sports is that of the "fake classes" for athletes at the University of North Carolina. The university announced in October that the athletes would still receive degrees, regardless of the phony classes designed to keep athletes eligible for varsity athletics.

Surely, this can't be an isolated case. There must be other universities doing exactly this for other student athletes, if not in the form of specific classes, then in the form of grade inflation and special treatment.

But, in the midst of all of these boneheaded athletes doing boneheaded things, one story strikes a chord with your humble columnist and dignified sports nerd.

You might not know it, but the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT for short) has had a football team since 1988, and they're historically just as bad as you think.

However, things have taken a nice turn for the humble football team this year.

Head Coach Chad Martinovich has lead the MIT Engineers (that's right) to an undefeated season, and they're powering through to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

"Look at the success Stanford has had, or look at the success Harvard has had — Harvard is undefeated right now, too," Martinovich said to Fox Sports in an interview last week. "If you can do it at those schools, why can't you do it at MIT?"

So, he did it. But make no mistake, the Engineers are very much MIT's football team. What I mean by that is these kids got into MIT to go to MIT, not necessarily to play football. They don't exactly look like a college football team, but they still put their pants on one leg at a time, just like everyone else does.

Despite MIT's record, they're ranked No. 8 going into the first round of the playoffs. The Engineers will be playing the Husson University Eagles this Saturday in what I'm hoping will be a blowout in favor of the Engineers.

The anomaly that is the MIT Engineers is such an odd case that it's hard not to pull for them -- which is what I'll be doing in the first ever Division III playoff that I'll be following.

Though I completely shut down the idea of Georgia College ever having a football team in a recent column, if the Bobcats ever did manage to put together a squad, I'd liken them to MIT's team, except maybe a little less Ivy League.

But, as I detailed earlier, Milledgeville will never see Bobcats football. So there's no chance of having a "home team" to pull for.

Further, after being thoroughly disappointed by the Georgia Bulldogs a number of times (despite their romp against Auburn), I'm losing a little bit of faith in the 'Dawgs I grew up watching every saturday in the fall.

So for now, the MIT Engineers are my new favorite team in college football, and I'll be pulling for them all the way to the Division III championship.

Men's basketball starts 2-1

Bobcats hoop their way to impressive start, despite heartbreaker

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Under newly-appointed, head coach Mark Gainous, the GC men's basketball team won back-to-back games at the Bearcat Classic, to kick off the 2014-15 season.

"It feels good to get off to fast start," Gainous said. "The guys have been working hard and playing good team basketball."

Game 1: GC vs. Queens

Coming out with a bang, GC beat Queens (N.C.) 87-79 last Friday in the season opener. In the high scoring contest, the Bobcats stepped up big defensively.

GC took full advantage of Queens' offensive miscues. The Bobcats forced 19 turnovers, which resulted in 27 points.

GC also recorded 10 steals and three blocks. Junior guard Terrell Harris paved the way with four steals, and sophomore forward Kelvin Nwanze led the team with two blocks.

Despite the strong defensive performance, GC's offense stole the show. The Bobcats shot 50 percent (31-62) from the field. Even more impressive, the team shot 50 percent (9-18) from three-point range.

The scoring didn't stop there as the Bobcats went 16-18 (89.9 percent) from the free throw line.

Junior guard Dwight Anderson scored a team-high 15 points. He also contributed with three rebounds, two steals and an assist.

In addition to GC's lights out shooting, the team displayed their ability to spread the court and share the ball. They recorded 18 assists overall and junior guard Juwan Hubbard led the team with six assists off the bench.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GC ATHLETICS
Junior guard Terrell Harris looks for an open teammate in GC's 64-62 victory against Emmanuel last Saturday.

The Bobcats' big guys did a good job offensively in the low post as they scored 32 points in the paint.

GC's bench made an impact last Friday, scoring 46 points. Junior guard Ryan Blumenthal led all bench scorers with 13 points and junior forward Rio McMillian contributed with 12.

The Bobcats finished the night with 32 rebounds. Their 12 offensive boards resulted in 13 second-chance points. McMillian reeled in a team-high eight rebounds.

After Emmanuel made both of their free throws late in the fourth quarter to tie the game 62-62, Harris was fouled with less than three seconds remaining.

Game 2: GC vs. Emmanuel

Less than 24 hours after Friday's win against Queens, GC outlasted Emmanuel 64-62 in a back-and-forth matchup.

In a game that saw eight lead changes and seven ties, the Bobcats secured a victory thanks to a pair of Terrell Harris free throws.

After Emmanuel made both of their free throws late in the fourth quarter to tie the game 62-62, Harris was fouled with less than three seconds remaining.

Calm, cool and collected, Harris knocked down both attempts. Harris then stole Emmanuel's inbound pass, locking in a two-game winning streak to start the season.

Harris led the Bobcats with 22 points. He also contributed with eight rebounds, four steals and two assists.

"It was a good team effort," Harris said. "Everybody contributed and everybody played their roll well."

Additionally, Harris has now scored 1,003 points in his college career. On his journey to reaching the 1,000 plus points mark, he scored 452 points last season, which ranks ninth in GC history for single season points.

Once again, the Bobcats capitalized on their opponents' mistakes, as they scored 17 points on the 14 turnovers they forced.

The bench chipped in with 30 points, 20 of which were courtesy of Blumenthal. He shot 50 percent (7-14) from the field and went 3-4 from behind the arc.

The Bobcats outrebounded Emmanuel 42-32, and for the second consecutive game, McMillian led the team in boards. He finished the night with nine rebounds in total, three on offense and six on defense.

Game 3: GC vs. Albany State

The Bobcats lost 67-66 to Albany State Wednesday night.

Albany scored a three pointer with 1.2 seconds left in the game to take the lead. "We all wanted to win, they just made one more play than we did," Gainous said.

Wednesday's night loss was the first of Gainous' career.

GC will take on Clark Atlanta Saturday at 3:30 p.m. for the home opener.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL HOME GAMES



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Rebecca Gaylor, president of Georgia College's Equestrian Club Team, jumps a 2-foot fence at the first competition of the year. Gaylor placed second out of thirteen riders at the novice level.

GC Equestrian team doubles in size

Rebecca Gaylor, Melissa Volentine have put the GC Equestrian Club Team on the map

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Less than two years ago, the idea of a Georgia College Equestrian Club Team was a mere hope shared by Rebecca Gaylor and Melissa Volentine.

Gaylor, a junior psychology major, and Volentine, a senior art major, both shared interest in horse riding, and decided to put together an equestrian team.

Gaylor said to her surprise, that finding people to join the team was fairly simple. She and Volentine used chalk to write on the GC sidewalks, informing students about the equestrian interest meeting.

Following the meeting, which had more than 30 students in attendance, Gaylor and Volentine hosted tryouts and established the GC Equestrian Club Team.

"The club has significantly progressed

since last year, and Melissa and I couldn't be happier," Gaylor said.

Last year there were only eight members on the team, and this year's team has 15 riders.

"I joined the club because I like being surrounded by a bunch of other girls who have the same interest and passion as me," said Danielle Wood, freshman marketing major. "I also wanted to continue riding once I got to college."

GC has competed four times this season. The first competition was a two-day contest at the University of Georgia. And the most recent competition was also a two-day contest held at Berry College.

Riders compete based on their skill level. The levels range from beginner walk/trot, advanced walk/trot, novice, intermediate and open.

Students at the beginning and advanced walk/trot levels show horses and trot the course with the horses.

Novice riders jump 2 foot fences.

Intermediate riders jump 2 foot 6 inch fences and open riders jump 2 foot 9 inch fences.

The competitions award the top six riders from each skill level. Gaylor said that 12-15 participants usually compete at each level.

Gaylor also said that now that the team has expanded, GC is well represented at each level.

Wood said that competitions are judged on the rider's position, how effective the rider handles the course and how graceful the horse is ridden.

Riders must keep these things in mind in order to be successful during competition.

"You have to know where you're going, know your pattern and make everything look elegant and graceful," said Gaylor.

Before the competitions begin all riders pull a name out of a hat to find out which horse they will ride.

Gaylor acknowledged the difficulty of riding random horses at competitions.

"Riding is different from most sports because each horse you get on is unique," Gaylor said. "You have to figure it out as you go. I think what's hard is you have to figure out what the horse needs from you to get the best performance."

Gaylor also emphasized the importance of remaining calm throughout the ride.

"If you get nervous the horse is going to feel it and respond accordingly," she said. "If you freak out, your horse will freak out."

The GC Equestrian Club Team practices at an Eatonton barn at least once a week, and will be practicing as much as possible until their next competition.

The team will be back in action Feb. 7-8, and will give GC students a chance to witness their acquired skills. GC is hosting its first equestrian competition in school history.

Women's basketball

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"Keys is a competitor," Smith said. "Her competitiveness and passion really rubs off on the team, and it's been like that all four years for her here."

The Bobcats are in the top half of the conference in the number of shots taken.

A key for the Bobcats moving forward into the season is closing up on their shots. The team

shoots the ball often, but they need to focus on getting good looks and shooting whenever there's a shot.

Smith says the Bobcats need to master both sides of the ball to thrive this season, especially against the talented Tuskegee and Stillman.

"We have to keep them off the boards," Smith said. "We gotta become a better rebound team from the defensive end and eliminate those second chance opportunities."

Georgia College takes on the

Tuskegee Golden Tigers and the Stillman Tigers in Dahlonega, Georgia this Friday and Saturday in The Classic at North Georgia. They'll take on West Georgia at the Centennial Center next Tuesday at 5:30 pm, and all are encouraged to watch the women's home opener.

Until then, Coach Smith and the Bobcats have work to do.

"It's about preparation," Smith said, "having great practices every day, getting better each and every day — We can't have any off days."

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GC's Bobcat Madness replaced by tailgate

A tailgate will be held at Centennial Nov. 22, before the men's basketball home opener

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Dim the lights, cue the music, ensue the madness. But wait, the lights are on, the music is quiet and madness is capped. This year the annual Bobcat Madness is quietly subsiding to make way for a new and exciting tailgate for the Georgia College home opener.

Various Registered Student Organizations came together to make the decision to cancel Bobcat Madness. Representatives from SGA, Thunder Crew, Greek Life and the student athletes wanted to spice things up for the 2014 season.

Bobcat Madness is being transformed for the 2014 season. On Nov. 22 Thunder Crew along with other student organizations is holding a tailgate for the first men's basketball game of the season. It will begin at 3:30 and lead into the first buzzer, marking the start of the game against Clark Atlanta. Tailgating will be held in the Centennial parking lot.

Al Weston, the Sports Information Director for Georgia College, is hoping for an increase in attendance from the



tailgate as opposed to Bobcat Madness.

"Bobcat Madness is always a huge success," said Weston. "Tons of students come out for the Sassy Cats and other activities that we have going on. Unfortunately, the turnout hasn't been that great. So with this new event, we're hoping to create some excitement and keep students and everyone coming back to the games."

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Students are encouraged to tailgate for the upcoming event on Nov. 22. T-shirts and other free memorabilia will be passed out before the game.

"We are trying to make this year more student focused," said senior chemistry major David Roberson. "There was a lot of pep and excitement surrounding Bobcat Madness but we wanted that

excitement to be carried over into the games."

Roberson is currently the president of Thunder Crew, which is leading the charge for the tailgate this Saturday.

In attempt to fill the seats and excite the fans, Thunder Crew will host more events and promotions this season.

Students from years past remember Bobcat Madness as an introduction into the basketball season, to get students riled up and excited. It was usually met with a dunk contest, 3-pt shootouts and, of course, performances by the schools dancing team, the Sassy Cats.

"It really starts our season off in a strong way and gets our name out there," Pollack said. "It gets us more excited for performing at the future games."

Bobcat Madness was introduced back in 2008 by former Thunder Crew president Pat Gamble. Since then it has been a staple within the GC community as a widely attended event.

Any students interested in participating, or helping develop these sort of events, are encouraged to join Thunder Crew. This RSO meets every Tuesday in Centennial at 8:30 p.m.

NBA season off to surprising start

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Although it's still early in the season, there are currently three teams in the Eastern Conference's top eight seeds that didn't make the playoffs last year.

Eastern Conference standings: Toronto Raptors, Washington Wizards, Chicago Bulls, Cleveland Cavaliers, Milwaukee Bucks, Miami Heat, Atlanta Hawks and Orlando Magic.

Western Conference standings: Memphis Grizzlies, Houston Rockets, Golden State Warriors, Portland Trailblazers, Dallas Mavericks, New Orleans Pelicans,

San Antonio Spurs and Los Angeles Clippers.

The Indiana Pacers, Brooklyn Nets and Charlotte Hornets, who made it in the playoffs last year, have been replaced by the Cavaliers,

Bucks and Magic.

In the Western Conference, only one team from last year's playoffs is currently not in the top eight seeds — the Oklahoma City Thunder. The Pelicans have taken their spot.

After an impressive 2013-14 season, the Pacers aren't expected to make the playoffs because of the season-ending injury Paul George suffered last summer.

The Nets have been struggling with playing consistent defense. Kevin Garnett's age is showing, Paul Pierce signed with the Washington Wizards and Deron Williams hasn't played as well as he's capable of.

The Cavaliers signed LeBron James and traded for

Kevin Love during the offseason. Although it took the Cavaliers a while to develop team chemistry, they have finally started playing better team basketball.

The Thunder were Western Conference favorites entering the season. However, a few games in, Kevin Durant suffered an injury and has been out for three weeks already. He is expected to return soon, and analysts still predict the Thunder to make the playoffs.

The Hawks are happy to have Al Horford back. He missed most of last season with a back injury and has proved he's now healthy. DeMarre Carroll is also back from a minor injury. The Hawks are also seeing nice production from Thabo Sefolosha, who they acquired from the Thunder during the offseason.

After a dismal season last year, the Lakers don't appear to be heading down the same path this year. Kobe Bryant is averaging more shot attempts per game than he ever has, and analysts claim his age is affecting his defensive abilities.

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